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From: Nam, Ed
Sent: Mon 8/7/2017 7:39:23 PM
Subject: RE: We will have the SH Bell NOV out by noon

Thanks everyone for expediting this!

-Ed

From: Miller, Patrick
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2017 11:57 AM
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Please find the signed NOV attached.

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Since Rett has no comments and time is of the essence, I'll send to Hqs this draft press release and revised draft tick-tock now unless Jeff wants to weigh in

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From: Singer, Joshua

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OK. Here is a revised version. Do you want to send this to HQ or would you like me to?

Rett or Ed--Do you have any comments on/objections to this draft?

Thanks.

EPA issues Notice of Violation to S.H. Bell in Chicago for Manganese Air Pollution Levels

8/7/2017

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Josh Singer (singer.joshua@epa.gov)

312-353-5069

(CHICAGO) August 7, 2017—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency today issued a Notice of Violation against S.H. Bell Company for levels of manganese that exceed the health-based screening level air pollution at the company's facility in Southeast Chicago.

“EPA is committed to protecting public health in Southeast Chicago by ensuring the company complies with the Clean Air Act,” EPA Acting Regional Administrator Bob Kaplan said. “EPA required the company to do additional monitoring which revealed the exceedance.”

EPA found manganese levels that exceed the health-based screening level at the S.H. Bell facility at 10218 South Avenue O in Chicago after the company submitted the latest air monitoring data. Four months of PM10 metals air monitoring data from the S.H. Bell facility for March 1, 2017, through June 30, 2017, show an average concentration of 0.32 ug/m3 of manganese. The Minimal Risk Level for chronic inhalation exposure to manganese is 0.3 ug/m3.

Manganese is a naturally occurring element found in many soils, rocks and foods, and is used in the production of steel and other industrial processes. Manganese can be toxic when inhaled by humans at elevated exposure levels, leading to neurological and neuropsychological damage.

EPA has reached out to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, the City of Chicago and community groups to notify them of the levels and coordinate a response. The company submitted the data to EPA on August 1.

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From: Rowan, Anne
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 11:45:21 AM
To: Singer, Joshua; Smith, Molly; Breneman, Sara; Kelley, Jeff
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Subject: RE: We will have the SH Bell NOV out by noon

Shouldn't first sentence say that SH Bell is emitting excessive levels of manganese?? As written, a bit vague – can this be revised a bit?

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Below is the revised version. It has input from Pat and Sara.

Anne and Jeff and Rett and Ed -- Please review and let me know if this is OK or needs any changes. Thanks.

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From: Smith, Molly
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 11:14:36 AM
To: Singer, Joshua; Breneman, Sara; Kelley, Jeff
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The company submitted the data to us on August 1st, I'm not sure when they submitted the data to the City.

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We are going to do a press release announcing the NOV. Please see the draft below. I need ARD/ORC to please fill in details about the NOV in the press release quickly. We are planning to issue this news release by noon today. Thanks.

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WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THE NOV?

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From: Breneman, Sara
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Are you going to take the lead in updating the desk statement?

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